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Department of the Interior
Minerals Management Service
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Attention: Rules Processing Team

**Re: Proposed Rule - Oil and Gas and Sulphur Operations in the OCS
Revision of Requirements Governing OCS Rights-of-Ways
And Easements and Pipeline Rights-of-Ways
68 FR No. 79 Pages 20091 – 20095 (April 24, 2003)**

Gentlemen;

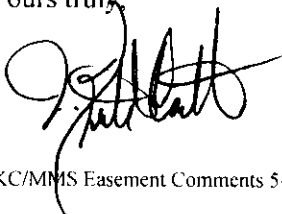
Chevron U.S.A. Inc. (CUSA) is pleased to have this opportunity to submit comments to the Minerals Management Service (MMS) on the referenced proposed rule. CUSA is the largest owner and operator of platforms in the Gulf of Mexico with extensive pipelines and onshore support operations. With the current size of our operations in the Gulf, and considering our future plans for this portion of the OCS, we are interested in providing MMS with our views on the proposed rule to modify the existing regulations dealing with rights-of-use and easement and pipeline rights-of-ways.

Laying pipelines to accommodate the gathering of production in the OCS is a common practice followed by many OCS operators especially CUSA. In addition, occasionally sighting of platforms on blocks not leased to operators is a viable option that must be pursued when attempting to efficiently develop certain reservoirs. Requesting pipeline rights-of-ways, and rights-of-use and easements, are important tools available to industry in our ongoing efforts to develop the OCS and we plan to continue the use of these tools in the future when necessary and practical.

The proposed changes to the rules are reasonable and CUSA has no modifications it wishes to suggest for your consideration.

We appreciate being given the opportunity to comment on the proposing rule. Should you have any questions regarding our comments, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (504) 592-6726.

Yours truly,



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